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Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"May I know whether the Government have considered Police Orders Nos. 66 and 244 which lay down a definite procedure in such cases?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"There is no definite procedure with regard to these cases. The question was only one of terminating the probation as the person was found incompetent."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"I am not now concerned with the competence or otherwise of the person. I want to know whether or not the definite procedure laid down in the Police Orders to which I just now referred was followed while terminating the probation of this man."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"As I have said, as far as this case is concerned, the question was only one of probation, whether the man was competent for the post for which he was appointed and, when he was found incompetent, his probation ceased."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"Sir, I am sorry that my question has yet to be answered. What I want to know is whether the definite procedure laid down was followed in terminating the probation by the officers concerned. I am not concerned with the other aspects of the question."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I suppose so, sir."

Alleged police vigilance over Mr. G. V. Ponniah Sastri.

*7 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. G. V. Ponniah Sastri was kept under police vigilance about January 1929 as he was attending to village improvement work in Bapatla taluk; and

(b) if so, what there was in his village work to which the Government had taken exception and why?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.
(b) Does not arise.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"May I know if it is not a fact that in the months between January and June there was police vigilance on Mr. Ponniah Sastri?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I must have notice of the question, Sir."

Alleged police surveillance on Mr. Abbas Ali Sahib.

*8 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Janab Abbas Ali Sahib, a prominent Congressman of Dindigul and merchant, was under police surveillance during his journey to Madras on the 15th March last; and

(b) the reasons why he was so watched?

A.—(a) No.
(b) Does not arise.